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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references identified on the attached form PTO-1449, copies thereof being enclosed herewith.

The below listed prior art references generally to valve operating apparatus for internal combustion engines:

CC U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,553 issued to Suzuki on May 29, 2001 for an Arrangement for Driving Valves.

CC U.S. Pat. No. 6,032,627 issued to Brogdon, et al. on March 7, 2000 for a Compact Valve Actuation Mechanism.

CC U.S. Pat. No. 5,699,762 issued to Horiuchi on December 23, 1997 for a Valve Operating System for Internal Combustion Engine.

CC U.S. Pat. No. 5,553,584 issued to Konno on September 10 1996 for a Valve Operating Device for Internal Combustion Engine.

CC U.S. Pat. No. 5,537,962 issued to Fukuzawa, et al. on July 23, 1996 for a Valve Operating Apparatus for Internal Combustion Engine.

CC U.S. Pat. No. 5,207,191 issued to Pryba, et al. on May 4, 1993 for a Boat-type Rocker Arm with Stiffening Member.

An action on the merits is requested.

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